

March 31, 1952

Dr. D. W. Bruner  
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Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Bruner:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Dr. P. R. Edwards. I had applied to him for a culture of the flagellated but non-motile form of *Salmonella sandiego*, described in *PSBM*, 62:296, 1946. The culture had evidently been lost or discarded, but he thought there was a possibility you might have kept an eye on it. If you still have this culture, or any suggestion as to its survival anywhere, I should be grateful for it. Do you suppose any other paralyzed variants have turned up in groups B or D?

Our interest in this culture stems from our current work on the genetics of "recombination" in *Salmonella*. Perhaps you will be interested in the enclosed interim report, as it will be some months before our ms. reaches print. At the moment, we are especially interested in motility, and are trying to collect as many kinds of non-motile variants as we can locate. In fact, I wonder if I might not ask you whether you have noticed any C-variants (especially in group B or D) that are likely not to be duplicated in Dr. Edwards' collection. It is too bad there is no systematic way of producing or isolating such variants, but lacking it, I am obliged to beg them of other workers.

If I have not done so previously, may I thank you for your kind letter of October 19, 1951 about "Microbial Genetics", and for your cooperation that permitted it to reach the standard it did reach.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg